

## **Frequently Asked Questions - Land Referencing at Old Oak**

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### **What is a Section 5A letter and why have I received one?**

OPDC is assessing the extent of land and rights that will be required to deliver the new homes, jobs, and infrastructure at Old Oak. To inform this, OPDC has appointed land and property research company, TerraQuest, to assist us in gathering information about land interests in the area.

The letter, called a Section 5A letter after Section 5A of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981, is a statutory notice requiring you to provide information on your land interests. If you have received a Section 5A letter, please complete the information requested to the best of your knowledge and return the completed response to TerraQuest as soon as possible.

### **What are OPDC's plans for this area?**

OPDC's mission is to maximise the economic, social, and housing benefits of the new HS2 station at Old Oak Common, creating one of the largest regeneration projects in the UK, harnessing major improvements for local communities and stimulating growth for the wider London economy. Old Oak is a strategically important location within the OPDC area with the potential to provide around 9,000 new homes, as well as new major workspace, public realm, parks, and community facilities.

### **Is OPDC planning to acquire my land?**

At this stage, OPDC is assessing the extent of land and rights that are required to deliver the regeneration plans at Old Oak. This is called the "land referencing process". Land referencing will provide information to OPDC on land ownership within the Old Oak area. Responses to the land referencing notices will assist OPDC in determining the exact extent of land and rights that it may need to acquire. OPDC's preference is to reach agreement with all those affected, but where terms for the acquisition of land and/or rights cannot be agreed, OPDC will, as a last resort, use its compulsory purchase powers.

### **What is TerraQuest?**

TerraQuest is a consultancy that specialises in gathering land ownership information. OPDC has appointed TerraQuest to manage the land requisitions process for Old Oak.

### **Who can I contact if I have any questions?**

If you have any questions, please contact Aidan Fletcher Watts by phone on +44 7761 346 014 or by email at: [OPDCLAT@london.gov.uk](mailto:OPDCLAT@london.gov.uk)